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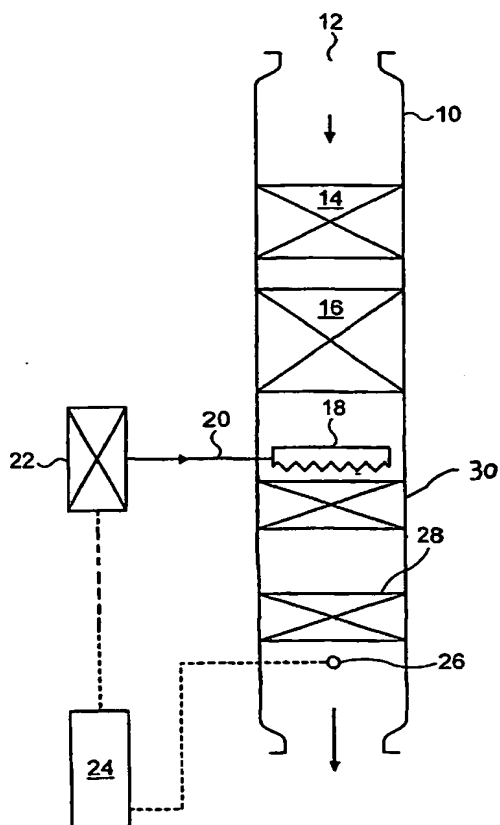
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(57) Abstract: An exhaust system (10) for a lean-burn internal combustion engine comprises a nitrogen oxide (NO_x) absorbent (28), a catalyst (30) for catalysing the selective catalytic reduction (SCR) of NO_x with a NO_x specific reactant, first means (18, 22) for introducing a NO_x specific reactant or a precursor thereof into an exhaust gas upstream of the SCR catalyst (30) and means (24) for controlling the introduction of the NO_x -specific reactant or precursor thereof into the exhaust gas via the first introducing means (18, 22), wherein the SCR catalyst (30) is disposed upstream of the NO_x absorbent (28) and optionally with the NO_x absorbent, wherein the control means (24) is arranged to introduce the NO_x -specific reactant or the precursor thereof to exhaust gas via the first introducing means (18, 22) only when the SCR catalyst (30) is active, whereby exhaustion of NO_x -specific reactant to atmosphere is substantially prevented.

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